

than this is not only an unwarranted presumption upon the part of the person so doing, but may result in the production of harmful consequences to the injured person. *In all cases a physician should be immediately summoned*, and in the meantime the 'first-aid' should devote his energies to rendering whatever temporary assistance may be within his power." To which we most heartily say, Amen! But why, following such a preface, does the author proceed to instruct for the reduction of dislocations of the shoulder, elbow, hip, etc.? Or, again, the cauterization for rabies? Do the benefits of cauterization at the hands of a layman in any degree justify such suffering as the process must entail? The general instructions are beyond criticism, as in the general treatment of various injuries—sprains, fractures, dislocations, etc., simple and practical in every respect, a blind man could follow them.

The latter part of the book is devoted mainly to different methods of transportation for injured or disabled people, and there are found here some distinctly novel hints, for which the author gives the main credit to the drill regulations of the United States Army Hospital Corps.

There is no question of the interest and popularity of the book. The public generally as well as the profession are indebted to Dr. Morrow. It will give a fresh impetus to first-aid classes, and as we mentioned earlier offers suggestions to many young people who are looking about for some definite plan for future activity. But, again, there is the question: Why instruct a great body of people for duties which they are solemnly enjoined to abstain from, and leave to be performed by others, endowed with a peculiar fitness for the office?

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THE NURSE'S "ENQUIRE WITHIN." A Pocket Encyclopedia of Diseases; Their Symptoms, Nursing Treatment and much other Valuable Information, Alphabetically Arranged. By C. O. M. Scientific Press, London. Price, 2 shillings.

Only from England is such a little book as the one before us obtainable. No other country seems to produce the combination of modesty and efficiency that makes possible so painstaking an effort to serve a very humble beginner. The author out of a long and varied career in English and foreign hospitals has collected the material for this tiny encyclopedia, much of the matter being of such a nature that the larger and fuller text-books overlook it or consider it too insignificant to be included in their work. For the most part only the homely terms by which the less educated or strictly lay classes express themselves are used, and the term used in the title "Nursing-Treatment" is used advisedly, as it refers mostly to the simple home remedies which any one may use without fear of treading on the sensitive

toes of the medical profession. It will be urged that there is nothing in the book except what every nurse ought to know so well that she could not possibly find any use for a reminder. This is true, yet we venture to say that there are times when our memories play tricks and we waste valuable time trying in vain to remember some fragment of knowledge which persistently eludes our efforts to lay hold of it. This tiny book, four inches by three, of 160 pages, is capable of being carried in an apron pocket. Unobtrusive, it is still distinctly attractive in its soft green cover. The arrangement of the subjects alphabetically makes an easy matter of its consultation. The author emphatically disclaims all intention of "cribbing" from other writers, and states her inability to remember the various sources of information drawn upon, the subject matter having been the result of twenty-seven years in hospital nursing.

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THE PHYSICIAN'S VISITING LIST FOR 1907. Lindsay & Blakiston. P. Blakiston's Sons, Philadelphia.

The fifty-sixth year of this valuable aid to the hard-worked physician finds it as perfect a pocket diary as the most methodical and exacting in the profession could demand. Doctors are proverbial for being slack in the matter of bookkeeping. Here is given every inducement to system and order, every possible help to over-taxed memory, and the quickest means of finding the results of tedious calculations. A system of signs renders all notes strictly confidential. The diary contains, among other useful information, a table for calculating utero-gestation; a dose table; a calendar; record of patients' addresses; ditto for nurses'; also records for birth, deaths, cash account, etc. The book is handsomely bound in fine black leather, and so neat in proportions that it is never in the way when not in use.

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P. Blakiston's Sons & Co., of Philadelphia, are soon to publish a book on "Foods and Their Adulterations," by Harvey W. Wiley, M.D., to be followed by a companion volume on "Beverages and Their Adulterations." Dr. Wiley's connection with the Department of Agriculture, and the recent passage of the National Pure Food and Drug Law, will doubtless create a demand for these books.

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W. B. Saunders Company, of Philadelphia and London, have just issued a revision of their handsome illustrated catalogue of medical, surgical, and scientific publications. The authors listed are all men of recognized eminence in every branch and specialty of medical science. The catalogue is well worth having, and we understand a copy will be sent free upon request.